



Minutes
Tempe Sports Authority
Wednesday December 5, 2007

Minutes of the Tempe Sports Authority held on December 5, 2007 at 3500 S. Rural Road, Tempe, Arizona 85282

MEMBERS - Present:

Dick Neuheisel, Alex Arredondo, John Bebbiling, Tom Burns, Chris Boyles, Tom George, Dee Robbins, Bruce Skinner, Ed Valenzuela

MEMBERS – Excused Absent:

Bill Dutton, Peggy Kirch, John Langbein, Spike Lawrence

City Staff Present:

Shelley Hearn
Monica Lamparter

Other's Present:

Judi Yates

Agenda Item 1—Call to Order

Dick Neuheisel, President called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m.

Agenda Item 2- Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve minutes:

Second:

Decision:

Tom George

John Bebbiling

Unanimously approved

Agenda Item 3 –Status of tax returns and letter

LeRoy Gaitner will submit all tax returns by January 2008.

Agenda Item 4 –Tempe Sports Authority Direction

An announcement was made that Stephanie Nowack and Sherry Henry resigned from the board.

The Board decided that Dick Neuheisel write a letter to City Council asking for city support for the next Courage Awards. Dick would have the letter done and delivered by Friday December 7th, 2007.

Dick suggested that Andrew Ching write a draft document creating a new non-profit entity and bring it back to the board for review.

Shelley discussed the elections of the board. Shelley informed the board that they have not voted on the new language of the By-laws, and if the board wants to move forward with the elections the board would have to approve the new By-laws.

Dick wants to remain President until the 2008 Courage awards. John suggested that they have elections so the new president could move forward in April 2008.

Dick proposed that the board consist of 21 members with a 3 year term on the board. Shelley thought it would be a good idea for each board member to come up with a couple of names and bring their bios to the next meeting.

Agenda Item 5 – Sports Authority Foundation Status

Covered in item 4

Agenda Item 6 – Courage Awards Status

John Bebbeling explained to the board that when Jackie Autry gave the seed money to the board her only request was that the money be given to Native Americans. John knows of 3 students that go to St. Peters Mission that want to go to Seton High School. John recommended that they commit for paying for two years for the three students.

Shelley recommended that the seed money would need to be transferred into the new entity account and then they could distribute funds accordingly.

Dick didn't feel it was a good idea to decide what to do with the seed money at this meeting.

Judi asked if we could move forward and discuss the Courage Awards? Judi will contact Irwin Bank and make all the arrangements for the sponsorship. Judi passed out the table information to the board members and asked members to start making calls. Judi will be sending pre-sale forms out to the previous customers to secure their tables.

Judi then updated the board on the recipients. Tricia Downing has accepted she is the triathlon athlete. Major Roberts cannot make it due to a previous commitment. Tedi Bruschi declined due to the fact he is working on his own charity. Judi asked if he would attend the event the TSA could make a contribution to his charity. He will get back with Judi. Judi has contacted Lance Armstrong camp and is still waiting for a response. They have sent a letter to the Lomong Lopez who is the student at NAU and are waiting for a response.

If Tedi doesn't change his mind then Judi will contact Scott Hamilton. Mark Fields also said he would come back as a presenter if needed.

Agenda Item 7 – Future Agenda Items

2008 Courage Awards, Board members

Agenda Item 8 – Next meeting

Next meeting is scheduled for January 9, 2008

Agenda Item 9 – Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Prepared by: Monica Lamparter

Reviewed by: Shelley Hearn



Tom George Secretary, TSA